[24th July 1953

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) (i) Rupees 7,11,200.

(ii) A statement showing the amount spent districtwise is laid on the table of the House.

" (b) (i) Two hundred and eighty-four applicants applied for grant of house-sites in Vijayavada taluk in 1951–52.

(ii) Forty-one house-sites were granted.

(iii) A sum of Rs. 3,027 was spent in 1951–52."

Alleged bribery in cyclone-relief operations, Tanjore.

* 988 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether in connexion with the recent cyclone-relief operations undertaken by the Government in the district of Tanjore, complaints of bribery have been made against some village munsifs and karnams; and if so, their number and action taken on them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In fifteen cases complaints of bribery and corruption were made against village officers in connexion with cyclone-relief operations in the Tanjore district. In nine cases, the charges were not proved. Three cases are still under enquiry. In one case the karnam was removed from service. In two cases, the karnams were suspended one for a period of five months from 22nd December 1952 and the other for the period from 25th December 1952 to 21st March 1953."

House-rent allowance to Government servants in Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 989 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the places in Udayarpalayam taluk where the Government servants are paid house-rent allowance and the criterion for the payment of this allowance;

(b) whether Ariyalur comes within the purview of the places eligible for the grant of this allowance; and

(c) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) For the purpose of grant of house-rent allowance, places in Madras State have been classified into three groups as indicated below :—

(1) Madras City and its suburbs form Group I;

(2) mufassal municipalities with a population of over 50,000 form Group II; and

(3) all other municipalities and taluk headquarters form Group III.

The amount of house-rent allowance admissible to Government servants varies from one group to another.

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Government servants at Udayarpalayam are paid house-rent allowance, as Udayarpalayam is the headquarters of a taluk. Government servants at other places in Udayarpalayam taluk are not eligible for any house-rent allowance.

"(b) & (c) Ariyalur is neither a municipality nor the headquarters of a taluk. Government servants at Ariyalur are not therefore eligible for any house-rent allowance under the existing orders. But the question of extending the scheme of house-rent allowance to places which are headquarters of Revenue divisions but are not covered by the existing orders is under the consideration of the Government."

Repairs to Anantasagaram tank, Atmakur taluk.

* 990 *Q.*—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a leakage in the lower level sluice of Anantasagaram tank in Atmakur taluk, Nellore district, for the last four years; and

(*b*) why the Government did not get it repaired in spite of the repeated requests of the ryots under that tank?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A leakage occurred in sluice No. 2 of the Anantasagaram tank in July 1952 and not four years back. No representations were received in this regard except the one sent by the Member himself through the Collector of Nellore. Action has been taken to renew the existing shutter and screw-gearing arrangement of the sluice."

Certificate for fee-concession to children of head teachers of elementary schools.

* 991 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have received any query from the Malabar District Board as to who is to certify that a particular boy or girl is a child of the head teacher of an aided elementary school so as to be eligible for the fee-concession allowed by the Government; and if so, what was the Government's reply to the Board?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No representation has been made to Government by the Malabar District Board in the matter. On a reference made by the Director of Public Instruction orders have been issued that in the case of children of headmasters of elementary schools under private management the Deputy Inspectors of Schools should issue the certificate."

Alleged suicide by a patient of the Madras Mental Hospital.

* 992 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one patient